

Together WE Build

Our Red Sea Community

BREAKING ✂ NEWS:

- ✂ The winner of the 5th grade writing competition in Ms. Gawith's class is... **Colin Herrington**. His entire article along with a class photo is inside. WAY TO GO, Colin! Let me know when you're ready to run this newsletter!

OPENINGS & ALERTS:

- ☺ **TONIGHT:** Make-Up at Ladies' Night at Safaa Golf Course by a certified make-up artist. NO, this is not a sales-promo but a chance to learn some useful "glamour" tips while having a sociable evening with new friends. Lynn Brown is offering her talents for your enjoyment; 7-9 pm at the golf course. Buses now run every ½ hour.
- ☺ Our **supermarket JUST OPENED** yesterday! That should cut down on some trips to Jeddah. Their hours are 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. DAILY.
- ☺ Dust off your bag, scrape mud from those cleats, wax or polish those irons and drivers – our **9-hole golf course** is on the **brink** of opening. Prepare yourselves for the official announcement due out VERY VERY soon.
- ☺ Sunday, **Dec. 13**, is the **GRAND OPENING** of our **Community (Harbor) Library**. Come and join in the celebrations from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There will be cake and give-aways, too. Want to know more? Call the library: 808-6648.
- ☺ **Movie Nights** are on this week:
- Tonight at 8:30** = "Life Partner", a PG-13 Hindi Comedy;
- Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.(?) "Monsters vs. Aliens", a PG-13 animated movie;
- Thursday at 8:30 p.m. "Titanic", a PG-13 English Drama with Leonard DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. Lots of awards won!

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Terry King went shopping and took his camera, too.



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It is not possible to repeat ongoing activities and group gatherings, so please refer to previous **ORSC** issues.

Changes to those items will, of course, be provided, **IF** I know about them.

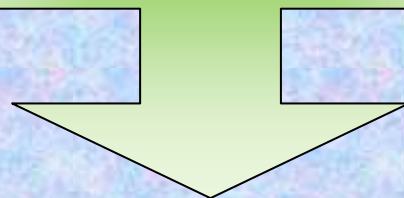
*If you are not yet getting a copy of this **community** newsletter and want to, send me an email:*

abgwsa1@yahoo.com

If you have something community relevant to announce, send me an email: abgwsa1@yahoo.com

Contributions to this **community** newsletter are **encouraged, invited** and **needed**.

Are you available to help?



We have a triad of VIPs for you this issue: the much-in-demand **KAUST GOLF PROs**:



Chris J., Tom R., and Craig D.

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their playground – and yours

These three have each received certification as authentic PGA golf pro's. Did you know you can go to school for this? Well, they did. Their education was earned through the Belfry Club, part of Birmingham University. Both Craig and Chris hold golf degrees and PGA certification.

Why would someone get a golf degree? Craig says that it develops many skills in you and also teaches you how to handle a variety of situations and golf course management positions. Craig began playing when he was 14 years old and turned pro in 2008. Chris (following in a Tiger's footsteps, perhaps?) began as a young tyke of 5 or 6, and turned pro also in 2008.

Tom Rourke, the course manager, turned pro at 18 years of age. Tom, also schooled in Birmingham, England, was in Dubai for 3 years before coming to KAUST this past July. Nick Taylor, the head golf pro and PGA certified, was not available during this interview, but will be happy to make your acquaintance when you visit Safaa Golf Club.

According to Tom, the KAUST golf course currently has a rather challenging 9-holes. There are 2 par-5s and a course par of 36. Next year, when the other 9 holes are developed, the new section will become the "front 9" and the current course will take a "back seat." In that way, Tom explained, when you finish your 18 holes, you'll end up close to the club house rather than out in the middle of the green desert.

Now that transportation service is available every half hour, there's no excuse for not trying out the wisdom of the pros. Especially while the lessons are **f r e e**! You can come up and use the driving range anytime from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The golf pros will be only too happy to give you pointers and assistance after 5:00 p.m.



Once the course opens you will be able to tee off from 8:15 a.m. on, with 2.5 hours per 9-hole round allotted. Last tee time is at 7:30 p.m. with lights out at 10:00 p.m.

Early next year, in line with the GALA GRAND OPENING, Safaa Golf Course will become a KAUST-only course with membership dues (**if** you want to join) and golf greens fees.

The restaurant is currently open and serving simple yet very tasty fare in a scenic atmosphere. You can order salads, burgers (meat and non), sandwiches, pizza, and even desserts. According to restaurant manager Mohammad Imtiaz, next year they'll be able to offer you breakfast fare as well. Sitting in the dining room, you look out onto the zero-gravity pool (for ambience, not swimming). It is a calming vista to soothe the nerves before or after hitting those little white balls.

Words' worth: ذا ظلمت من دونك ف لا ت آمن ع قاب من ف وقك

Literal meaning: If you oppress who is below you, then you won't be safe from the punishment of who is above you.

Did you know...

- KAUST has the **ONLY** PGA certified golf pros in the entire Kingdom? And there are 4 of them here!



Did you know...

- that sending a note to recreation@kaust.edu.sa will get you answers to your "what's there to do here?" questions? **MAYBE** you could even propose something...

Did you know...

- **SAMBA Bank** has changed its schedule?
Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays = open from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mondays = open from 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Closed on Fridays and Saturdays
☺ AND the cash machines are available daily!

Do you know that

- the names of the 12 months that comprise the Islamic year are:
Muharram, Safar, Rabi' al-awwal, Rabi' al-thani, Jumada al-awwal, Jumada al-thani, Rajab, Sha'ban, Ramadan, Shawwal, Dhu al-Qi'dah and Dhu al-Hijjah.



Did you know that

- *Marine Services* continues to welcome you aboard the **KOKIYAN?** Trips are available to suit families, adults, students, males and females (see schedule). The cost is **SAR 75** for adults and children age 12 yrs or over, **SAR 25** for children under 12 yrs. **Cash payment** is required **at the start** of the trip. They leave Discovery Square (opposite the main mosque) at 8:30 a.m. Trips are on a first come, first served basis, so **contact** them **now** marina@kaust.edu.sa

Schedule for December:

- 10 – Adults (8.30-4pm) **ALREADY FULL**
- 11 + 17 – Community Trip (8:30-3pm; swim, snorkel; floaties available; no unaccompanied kids)
- 18 – Adult Females only (8:30-4pm; male crew)
- 24 – holiday season – family*
- 31 – Adults only – New Year's Eve trip*
***Additional information** should be coming
- Snacks, sandwiches, drinks provided;
- Some snorkel gear, safety equipment provided;
- **BRING sunscreen, sunglasses, hat?, towels, cover-up & KAUST ID, IQAMA/ Passport;**
- **A completed Medical Form (supplied) must be completed and brought.**

R TOT Tuesdays: mark you
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A readings in English and in
D Arabic at the Community
Library starting at 9:30 a.m.

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Did you know that



water went everywhere?



December?-JEDDAH-Bus Times?**Saturdays – Wednesdays:**

Depart from Kaust Inn TO Departs

8:00 (1)	IMC/Serafi	13:30
16:00 (4)	IMC/Al-Ballad	21:00
17:30 (3)	Hera' Intl	22:00
17:30 (6)	Serafi/IKEA	21:00
18:00 (2)	Red Sea/Roshan	21:00
18:00 (5)	Mall of Arabia	22:00

Thursdays:

7:45 (1)	IMC/Serafi	13:30
16:00 (2)	Red Sea/Roshan	23:00
16:00 (3)	Al-Tahlia Street	23:00
16:00 (4)	Serafi/IKEA	23:00
16:00 (5)	IMC/Al-Ballad	23:00
16:00 (6)	Mall of Arabia	23:00

Fridays:

16:00 (1)	Red Sea/Roshan	21:00
16:00 (2)	Al-Tahlia Street	21:00
16:00 (3)	Serafi/IKEA	21:00
16:00 (4)	Al-Ballad	21:00
16:00 (5)	Mall of Arabia	21:00

Leaves for KAUST**Don't get left behind – either way!****CALL** Moussa Daher with questions**0560011900**

CHECK the return times for the trips on **WEDNESDAY** !

**Destination = Al-Baha(h) (البَاحَة مَدِينَة)**

Al Bahah is a city in the southwest of Saudi Arabia, between the resorts of Taif and Abha. It is the smallest of the Kingdom's provinces. It is a major tourist site with pleasant climate and more than 40 forests. The "Pearl of Resorts" is the name given to Al Baha by the fascinated visitors who become acquainted with the city.

Al-Baha region is rich in ancient mining sites. The sites of Khayal al Masna' and al-Aqiq were major gold mining areas; while the village of Kuna, where over one hundred building structures are located date back to South Arabian Civilization.

About 30 km south of Al Baha is the Al Kharrara waterfall. In addition to the forests, the waterfall, and mining sites, Al Baha and the region boast lots of castles, too. Hotels, motels and parks have been readied for the many visitors who flock there.

Middleeastexplorer.com (Wikipedia photo credit)

Do you know that we all took photos of**this incredible event?**

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This is from Terry King:

**Did you know that**

on November 22, the **first KAUST Community Forum** was held? Its purpose was to bring residents together to discuss a variety of topics related to community life on campus. The many grassroots start-ups that have helped to create a KAUST community were applauded and confirmed to the 30-40 people present just how important establishing an integrated and well-organized community here is. Another topic that surfaced was how ordinary KAUST citizens might be able to help KAUST officials. Communication, planning, event organization and site utilization were just some of the areas that residents named as worthy of collaboration.

Another meeting date and place will be announced in due time – after the end-of-year holidays are over - and it is expected that even more residents will attend and lend their voices and ideas to this important network.

POTPOURRI

FROM the depths comes words from our “undersea expert” Michael Berumen:

I would like to introduce you to the whale shark, the largest and most charismatic fish that visits us here in the Red Sea. Many mysteries still surround this giant fish, known to scientists as *Rhincodon typus*. Whale sharks are the largest fish in the world and can reach lengths of 12.5m and weights of 21.5 tonnes! These peaceful giants are frequently seen in some parts of the Saudi Arabian Red Sea in April and May each year. Despite their size (and mouths up to 1.5m wide), whale sharks feed on plankton, krill, and macroalgae that they filter out of the water. Every whale shark has a unique pattern of spots on its skin that help researchers keep track of individuals as they move around from place to place. Surprisingly, though, very little is known about the movements of these gentle giants. Our lab here at KAUST is working closely with our colleagues at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to find out where whale sharks migrate when they are not hanging around our coasts. In addition to identifying the sharks with spot patterns, we have also deployed a few tags which record the position of the sharks for nearly a year before transmitting the data back to us. We anxiously await hearing from these tags in early 2010. Stay tuned for more!

Greg Skomal was the
photographer of this giant.



Important Phone Number Recap:

Clinic Appointments	808-4111	<u>Town center Shops & Retail outlets</u>	
Help Desk	959/ 8080-959	Spices	802-4031
Taxi services	808-5624	Burger King	802-4032
Island Oasis Recreation	808-6206	Hejazyat	802-4033
Harbor Recreation	808-6613	Quizno's Sub	802-4034
	808-6614		
	808-6615		
Fedex(Mail Services)	808-5777	Pizza Inn	802-4035
Travel Agency	808-5444	Shoro	802-4036
Saud Pharmacy	802-4066	Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf	802-4065
Tihama Book Store	802-4067	Dunya Alasfour Ladies Salon	802-4061
			802-4063
Banaweer Bike Shop	802-4068	Dunya Alasfour Barber Shop	802-4062
			802-4064

Grade Five Campus Tour

Colin Herrington
Grade 5 Student
Harbor Elementary School



Thuwal- "A house of wisdom...a beacon of tolerance." King Abdullah created a university for Saudi Arabia called King Abdullah University for Science and Technology (KAUST). Of all the other universities in the world, KAUST took two and a half years to be built while Harvard University, with similar facilities and buildings, took one hundred and fifty years to be built! Grade five students took a tour of the campus with Mr. Hani Itani on November 1st and took a bus around the horseshoe of the university and walked through the labs, the library and discovery walk.

First came the library. The KAUST library is amazing. Students got a little tour from the librarian, Ms. Linda. The library is a multi story building that has an amazing glass wall viewing the sea steps. That's not even half of it. The library has tons of new iMac computers, TV's and even some flat screen computers where the screen is just like a TV screen!

These extremely lucky grade five students then got a tour of the nano-lab and nuclear magnetic lab and were the first students to go there! They went to the nuclear magnetic lab first and there were signs on the doors saying that no



watches, phones or credit cards were allowed in because of the magnetic field. The magnetic field would wreck the hands on the watch and it wouldn't work anymore. KAUST will have twelve magnets total but they currently don't have their full order yet. But that's nothing compared to the nano-lab.

The nano-lab is amazing! It is a place where they develop nano- technology that might go in phones or computers. Grade five toured outside the lab but Mr. Itani said that the person who does the best in school and does their homework will get to dress up in the special suits and go into the clean room! I wonder who that will be?

We are extremely lucky to have all the things we have here at KAUST and the scientists and professors are working really hard to try and make a big difference to the world. Mr. Itani also mentioned that there are lots of scientists working to try and find ways to grow crops in the deserts of Africa and many other places. If you want to see the nano-clean room or the nuclear magnetic lab then just ask one of your friends if their dad or mom works in the university and you might be able to get a little tour.

ANSWER = **89**: Double first number and add 1, then double next number and add 2, continue in same way – doubling + 3, +4, +5.

YOU are **ALL**
WINNERS in my
BOOK for being
part of the KAUST
adventure!